

PRESIDENT JOHN TYLER.

APRIL 30, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUMMINGS, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 117.]

The Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. Res. 117) directing a suitable shaft to be placed at the grave of John Tyler, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

On the 4th day of April, 1841, William Henry Harrison, President of the United States, died at the Executive Mansion in the city of Washington, and on the 6th day of April, 1841, John Tyler, who had been elected as Vice-President, took the oath of office as President, and entered upon the discharge of the responsible duties of that exalted station. On the 18th day of January, 1862, at the city of Richmond, Va., he departed this life full of years and full of honors. From early manhood to extreme old age, throughout a long and eventful career, he had served his country with conspicuous ability, fidelity, and zeal. As a member of the general assembly of Virginia, as a member of her executive council, as governor of the Commonwealth, as a member of the State conventions of 1830 and 1861, as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, as Senator from Virginia in the Senate of the United States, as president of the peace conference at Washington, as a member of the provisional congress of the Confederate States, as chancellor of William and Mary College, as Vice President of the United States, and as Chief Magistrate of the Republic—in all these high places of honor and of trust he acted well his part and wrote his own eulogy upon the pages of his country's history.

By his brilliant talents and attainments, his unyielding devotion to principle, his ardent patriotism and lofty integrity, and, above all, by the spotless purity of his public and private character, he won the undying admiration of his countrymen and shed enduring luster upon the American name.

His remains now lie interred at Hollywood Cemetery, in the city of Richmond, near the last resting place of James Monroe. We submit that the erection of a suitable shaft to mark the spot where his ashes repose would be recognized by the American people as a pious and patriotic duty, and that in thus honoring him we would do honor to ourselves.

Accordingly, your committee report back the joint resolution with a favorable recommendation.